

**MINUTES OF THE  
PUBLIC EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS  
SUBCOMMITTEE**

Wednesday, February 1, 2017 • 8:00 a.m. • 445 State Capitol

**Members Present:**

Sen. Lyle W. Hillyard, Senate Chair  
Rep. Daniel McCay, House Chair  
Rep. Robert M. Spendlove, House Vice Chair  
Sen. J. Stuart Adams  
Sen. Lincoln Fillmore  
Sen. Jani Iwamoto  
Sen. Ann Millner  
Sen. Howard A. Stephenson  
Sen. Jerry W. Stevenson  
Sen. Daniel W. Thatcher  
Rep. Patrice M. Arent  
Rep. Joel K. Briscoe  
Rep. LaVar Christensen

Rep. Steve Eliason  
Rep. Justin L. Fawson  
Rep. Francis D. Gibson  
Rep. Bradley G. Last  
Rep. Karianne Lisonbee  
Rep. Jefferson Moss  
Rep. Susan Pulsipher  
Rep. Norman K. Thurston

**Staff Present:**

Ms. Jill L. Curry, Fiscal Analyst  
Mr. Ben Leishman, Fiscal Analyst  
Karen C. Allred, Legislative Session Worker

**Note:** A list of others present, a copy of related materials, and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at [le.utah.gov](http://le.utah.gov).

Chair McCay called the meeting to order at 8:01 a.m.

**1. Approval of Minutes**

The minutes were approved at the end of the meeting.

**2. Budget Review: Utah State Board of Education - State Administrative Office**

Dr. Jill Curry, Fiscal Analyst, gave a presentation on a budget review for the State Administrative Office.

**2a-State Board of Education - Administrative Office**

Sen. Lincoln Fillmore asked how much of the School Board is pass through funding. Dr. Curry responded that this question would be covered in her presentation, and then she continued with her presentation.

Dr. Sydnee Dickson, Superintendent of Public Instruction, Utah State Board of Education, commented that procedures have been put into place to improve the Board's accounting process, to correct a problem that was found. Reps. Christensen, Spendlove and Moss made comments concerning this issue. Mr. Scott Jones, Deputy Superintendent, Operations & Finance, Utah State Board of Education, commented on this issue as well. Dr. Curry continued her presentation.

#### 2b-State Board of Education - Administrative Office Reorganization

Sen. Stephenson asked if the reorganization required legislation. Mr. Ben Leishman, Fiscal Analyst, responded that the request change is not a statutory change, but an alignment change to show how to match the appropriation of funds with the administration of the funds. Rep. Briscoe and Chair McCay asked questions concerning the reorganization. Mr. Jones responded to the questions. Dr. Curry continued with the presentation.

Dr. Curry discussed the indirect cost pool for the State Board of Education.

#### 2c-State Board of Education - Indirect Cost Pool

Rep. Briscoe asked if this applied only to the federal funds flowing from the U.S. Department of Education. Dr. Curry and Mr. Leishman responded to the question and Dr. Curry continued with the presentation.

Sen. Stephenson commented that the ACT test prep item has received rave reviews from students that have used it and have found it exceptional. He is concerned that it is no longer being used, other test prep programs are being used. Dr. Dickson responded that it is utilized, and the Board can provide information on its usage.

Dr. Rich Nye, Deputy Superintendent, Student Achievement, Utah State Board of Education, spoke to the college entrance exam test preparation options.

Rep. Briscoe asked if there are any usability studies on Student Assessment of Growth and Excellence (SAGE) and implementing a financial management system. Dr. Nye responded to his question.

Chair McCay asked about funding numbers on the PowerPoint, and Dr. Curry responded that the numbers were options that could be reallocated.

### **3. Budget Review: Federal Funds**

Dr. Curry gave an explanation of Federal Funds.

#### 3-State Board of Education - Federal Funds

Senate Chair Hillyard assumed the chair.

#### **4. State Board of Education - Discussion & Recommendations on State Administrative Office and Federal Funds**

Dr. Dickson and Mr. Jones, discussed recommendations for the Administrative Office line item and federal funds.

##### **4-USBE - Administrative Office Budget Request (Board)**

Rep. Arent asked about transportation funding that is to be re-purposed. Mr. Jones and Ms. Natalie Grange, Associate Superintendent, Utah State Board of Education, responded.

Rep. Gibson asked why the Pro Start Culinary Teen Chef Masters Program was recommended for reallocation. Dr. Dickson responded that the program was a high cost for a low number participating. Chair Hillyard commented that public participation also determines the importance of a program. Sens. Adams and Stephenson expressed support for the Pro Start Culinary Arts Teen Chef Masters Program, and made comments on this program. Chair Hillyard said that it was funded with one-time money last year so there is no ongoing funding for this program.

Rep. Eliason commented on his support for the Prevention Specialist.

Sens. Adams and Stephenson had additional questions and comments concerning the Pro Start Culinary Program. Dr. Dickson and Chair Hillyard responded.

Rep. Moss commented that strategic goals and the merits of each program were considered by the State Board of Education in deciding which programs to continue.

Mr. Jones continued his presentation.

Ms. Tami Pyfer, Education Advisor to the Governor responded to the State Board's presentation.

Sen. Stephenson asked the State Board to re-purpose their internal organization as well as the programs.

#### **Break**

**Chair McCay called the meeting back to order.**

#### **5. Budget Review: Regional Service Centers**

Dr. Curry gave an overview on the Regional Service Centers.

#### 5-Regional Service Centers Presentation

Sen. Stephenson and Rep. Gibson asked about the use of Federal Mineral Lease funds. Mr. Leishman responded that statute determines what mineral lease funds can be used for.

### **6. State Board of Education - Discussion & Recommendations on Regional Service Centers**

Mr. Jones gave a presentation on school districts and Regional Service Centers.

#### 6-USBE - Regional Service Centers (Board)

### **7. School District & Regional Service Centers - Comments on Budget Review**

Mr. Duke Mossman, Director, North-Eastern Utah Educational Services; Mr. Jerry Holmes, Superintendent, North Summit School District; Mr. Kent Larsen, Superintendent, South San Pete School District; Mr. Scott Crane, Superintendent, Grand School District & URSA President; Cindy Phillips, Charter Director, Weilenmann School of Discovery; Rick Robins, Superintendent, Juab School District; gave a presentation on the Regional Service Centers.

#### 7a-Regional Service Centers - Presentation (RSCs)

#### 7b-Utah's Regional Service Centers (RSCs)

#### 7c-Regional Service Centers - Budget Information (RSCs)

Chair Hillyard asked how many of the committee were here for the Green River, Wyoming tour.

Reps. Last and Pulsipher commented on the great partnership there is with the Regional Service Centers, and Rep. Last stated that there should be a line item for the Service Centers.

House Chair McCay resumed the chair.

### **8. Performance Measures for Base Budget**

Mr. Leishman discussed performance measures for the Base Budget.

Chair McCay explained that performance metrics need to be put in the base budget now, and can be discussed more at a later time.

Reps. Arent, Briscoe, Pulsipher, Last and Sen. Miller asked questions and made comments concerning the performance metrics in the base budget. Mr. Leishman, Chair McCay and Sen. Hillyard responded.

Dr. Dickson commented on putting performance measures into the base budget.

**MOTION:** Senator Hillyard moved to approve the line-item performance measures found in the document titled "Performance Measures" and posted online for the Monday, January 30, 2017 subcommittee meeting and direct staff to prepare intent language for each measure to be included in a substitute base budget bill (Senate Bill 1) with this additional intent language: we recognize that this is a beginning point on setting goals and it is the intent of this committee to further refine this with the input during the session and especially during interim to come back and assure that the goals we finally set are relevant, meaningful, and helpful.

The motion passed with a vote of 16-0-5.

Voting in the affirmative were:

Hillyard L, McCay D, Spendlove R, Fillmore L, Iwamoto J, Millner A, Thatcher D, Arent P, Briscoe J, Christensen L, Fawson J, Last B, Lisonbee K, Moss J, Pulsipher S, Thurston N.

Absent or not voting were:

Adams J S, Stephenson H, Stevenson J, Eliason S, Gibson F.

Rep. Briscoe commented that he will support this motion and that this is a digital record. He commented that there are others outside of this subcommittee that need to be involved in the decisions.

**MOTION:** Sen. Thatcher moved to approve the minutes.

The motion passed with a vote of 16-0-5.

Voting in the affirmative were:

Hillyard L, McCay D, Spendlove R, Fillmore L, Iwamoto J, Millner A, Thatcher D, Arent P, Briscoe J, Christensen L, Fawson J, Last B, Lisonbee K, Moss J, Pulsipher S, Thurston N.

Absent or not voting were:

Adams J S, Stephenson H, Stevenson J, Eliason S, Gibson F.

**MOTION:** Rep. Arent moved to adjourn.

The motion passed with a vote of 16-0-5.

Voting in the affirmative were:

Hillyard L, McCay D, Spendlove R, Fillmore L, Iwamoto J, Millner A, Thatcher D, Arent P, Briscoe J, Christensen L, Fawson J, Last B, Lisonbee K, Moss J, Pulsipher S, Thurston N.

Absent or not voting were:

Adams J S, Stephenson H, Stevenson J, Eliason S, Gibson F.

House Chair McCay adjourned the meeting at 10:45 a.m..

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Sen. Lyle W. Hillyard, Chair

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Rep. Daniel McCay, Chair